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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE: SEEKING ASIA GROUP CANDIDATES FOR THE
UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Classified By: A/DCM Tim Lenderking for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) In a 2/12 meeting with Polcouns, MFA Director for International Organizations Affairs Mohammed Al-Awadi said Kuwait has not considered a candidacy for the UN Human Rights Commission. He said Kuwait fully agrees on the need for credible representation on the HRC, but at this point did not want to step forward into the "politics" of seeking a seat. He expected that Kuwait would join Arab League consensus on a regional candidate for the Asia group.

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